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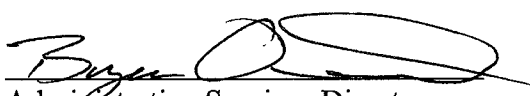
Resolutions of Support for GOCO Grants to Fund Phase 2 of Frederick Recreation Area

Agenda Date: Town Board Meeting – August 24, 2010

Attachments:

- a. Resolution 10-R-____
- b. Resolution 10-R-____
- c. Concept Plan for FRA Phase 2

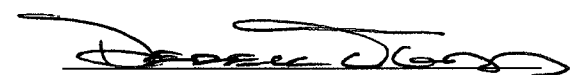
Fiscal Note: The funding for this project will be included as part of staff's recommendations for the 2011 Budget, which is when the construction of this project would take place.


Administrative Services Director

Submitted by:


Town Administrator

Approved for Presentation:


Town Administrator

AV Use Anticipated Projector _____ Laptop _____

Certification of Board Approval:

Town Clerk

Date

Summary Statement:

As part of the application process for the grants from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO), the legislative body of the requesting municipality is required to pass a Resolution of Support for the grant application. There are two grant applications for consideration in connection with this proposed Frederick Recreation Area (FRA) project.

Detail of Issue/Request:

After the great success, broad public support, and vastly increased usage of the FRA Phase 1 project, staff is now in the process of preparing applications for grants to fund Phase 2 of the project. The two attached Resolutions for the Board's consideration both relate to the potential funding and construction of Phase 2. This phase of the project would include amenities such as a large gathering pavilion/outdoor classroom, a paved parking lot, picnic areas, possibly a restroom, playground, lighting, and interpretive signage similar to the amenities found in Phase 1.

The first Resolution that the Board is being asked to consider relates to the request for a \$200,000 "Local Parks and Outdoor Recreation Grant" from GOCO that—with a \$200,000 match from the Town—would likely fund the majority of the amenities proposed. (While the attached concept plan shows a vehicular bridge access off Colorado Blvd across the existing drainage way, this improvement would not be built as part of the initial construction of this Phase due to the large expense of such a component.)

The second Resolution relates to the request for a \$45,000 "Mini Grant" from GOCO that—along with a \$15,000 match from the Town—would fund the playground amenities that are proposed as part of the FRA Phase 2 concept plan.

The increasing popularity of Frederick Recreation Area since the construction of the Phase 1 improvements can be seen anecdotally in the dramatically increased usage of the park and the lake. This next phase would continue to provide and enhance FRA as a grand community amenity for Frederick's residents, businesses, and visitors.

The Town of Frederick Parks and Open Space Commission met at their regular meeting on August 11, 2010, to review and comment on the proposed concept plan. After a discussion about the great success of the Phase 1 construction project and the resulting increase in public usage at FRA, the Commission unanimously and enthusiastically passed a motion to accept the proposed concept plan for Phase 2 and forward it to the Board of Trustees for consideration. The Commission members also committed to personally circulate several petitions around Town to document their understanding of the broad public support of this next phase of the project.

Legal/Political Considerations:

(none noted)

Alternatives/Options:

If these GOCO grants are not received, specific funding for these Phase 2 improvements will not be included in the 2011 Budget. As with all grant applications, these two are not a sure thing and it is staff's opinion that it would not be prudent to go ahead with the construction of Phase 2 without the funding assistance from GOCO. If the Board does not pass these resolutions it is likely that Frederick will be in the running to receive these grant awards. While other granting options such as the Colorado Division of Wildlife's "Fishing is Fun" grants will be considered for various fishing- and lake-related amenities of future phases of FRA, there are not any other closely related granting entities that would fund these Phase 2 improvements more likely than GOCO.

Financial Considerations:

Since the construction of these proposed improvements would not take place until 2011, the matching funds for these grants would need to be included within the 2011 Budget.

Staff Recommendation:

Adopt the two Resolutions as presented.